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PROBING "FOOD HUNS" NO SUGAR SHORTAGE

East in Grip of Storms—Anarchy Rules in Russia—Big German Bluff—War and Other Wires

CONGRESS IS AFTER THE FOOD PIRATES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14—Incompetent officials must be removed from office. This was the slogan in the capital today. Senators and representatives united in the declaration, regardless of party affiliations.

There was a general disposition expressed on the part of leaders of the various investigations to make the probes now in progress most thorough.

It was plain from the talk of the Republican and Democratic leaders that they represented suggestions from certain officials that they were embarrassing the Presiden with their investigations. On the contrary, they took the position that the President was compelled to accept the word of his subordinates, while it was up to the Congress to see that these subordinates told the exact truth at all times. And all felt satisfied that incompetency revealel will be remedied and the motive in uncovering it appreciated by the President.

Today the investigation into the administration of the bureau of the War Department was continued behind closed doors, while another Senate committee began the task of placing responsibility for the food and fuel shortage. Senators feel most keenly the fuel shortage, as they are being besieged with appeals from their home states to take action to get coal lest the people freeze.

SPRECKELS TESTIFIES ON SUGAR SHORTAGE

WASHINGTON ,Dec. 14—Declaring that there is no shortage of sugar in the United States and that the famine is local to the Atlantic seaboard, President Spreckels of the Federal Sugar Refining Company, testifying today at theSenate committee's investigation, placed the responsibility on the food administration. Sugar, he declared, was now passing through New York for Canada because of higher prices.

"There is no sugar shortage, 'except in spots,' he said "The United States has ample sugar. As a whole, there is plenty of sugar." Mr. Spreckels added that there is enough sugar in Java to supply the whole British isles for a year.

EAST IS FROZEN AND AND SNOW-COVERED

NEW YORK, Dec. 14—Coal famine became more acute today with the presence of four inches of heavy snow.

All traffic is seriously affected. Coal deliveries are impossible until the army of 10,000 snow shovelers has cleared the streets and tracks.

Transportation and communication facilities are paralyzed. At 9 a. m. today the Central Railroad of New Jersey was forced to abandon all of its trains. Officials of the New York Central Railway reported all its telephone and telegraph wires were down and that train schedhles were "completely demoralized." Trains from Chicago are all reported from one to seven hours late. Railroad officials declared it was impossible to predict when traffic would again approach normal conditions.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14—More than six inches of snow covers the ground here today and more is falling. The thermometer is dropping and the forecast is for zero weather before nightfall. The street department is hindered in its efforts to clear the snow away by a shortage of mtn.

ANARCHY NOW RULES MOST OF RUSSIA

PETROGRAD, Dec. 14—The Petrograd official agency announced today: 'General Korniloff's forces have been beaten by the red guards and regulars. General Korniloff has fled.

RUSSIAN GENERAL COMMITS SUICIDE

PETROGRAD, Dec. 14—General Skalon of the Russian staff committed suicide under sensational circumstances today just prior to assembling of the Russian-German armistice conferences, accorling to a dispatch from Brest Litvstok.

Full details were withheld. It was stated, however, that the Russian army commander shot himself. The suicide apparently occurred at German army headquarters.

GERMANY DESPERATE AND MAKING BLUFF

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Improvement of British local positions east of Bullecourt as a result of bomb fighting last night was reported in Field Marshal Haig's statement today.

South of Pronneville, he said, the enemy raided a post and a few British are missing.

Germany continues to advertise widely her proposed gigantic drive on the allies' western front.

Dispatches reaching here today from Amsterdam continued to report great movements of German troops behind the lines on the western front. German government-controlled newspapers herald the plan-

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BOMB IS DROPPED ON LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 14—Police detectives investigating a mysterious explosion heard over a large area in the northwestern part of the city last night, found late today steel fragments of what they said apparently had been a crudely constructed bomb scattered over on area of more than a city block.

The officers said the bomb must have exploded at a great height as the fragments were found in a neighborhood of many small homes which would have beeen damaged by an explosion on or near the ground.

Several persons in the neighborhood reported to the officers having seen a strange light moving swiftly at a considerable height both before and after the explosion was heard.

MANY EARNEST WORKERS MEET FOR BIG DRIVE

Chairman C. M. Brewer met last night at the Richmond Club House with the various committees for a final rehearsing of the plans, duties, etc., that will make a success of theh Red Cross membership drive that starts next Monday morning.

The spirit in which the plans have been conceived, the method of districting the territory under Mr. Brewer's supervision, and the names of the workers and their captains are heralds of satisfying results. By Dec. 24, the date set for completing the canvass, every individual will have been told of the work of the Red Cross. Following are the names of the various captains and the workers who were present at the meeting:

Mrs. McCausland, Captain; Mesdames Hanks, Irwin, McLennon, C. I. Dunlap, E. Hurlbert, H. Ehlers, M. Gillispie, J. A. Pownell and Miss Hattie Rumrill.

Mr. Zumwalt, Captain; Misses Helen Freeman, Elizabeth Cagwin, Lillian McIntosh, Janet McIntosh, Bernice Frymire, Gladys Davis, Jessie Lambrecht, Marion McMenamin, Bernice, ouse and Charley Luster.

Mrs. Howard Roe, Capt.; Messrs. and Mesdames Howard Roe, A. A. Alstrom, E. E. Woodworth Howard Richards, B. H. Stoddard, Vincent Marsh and Miss Adeline Bryant.

Mrs. C. S. Gibson, Captain; Mesdames M. Peterson, J. F. Woodford, W. J. Hamilton, R. W. Hanna, J. H. Waldy, Searles Erwin, and Misses Minna Dohrmann and Helen Smith.

Mrs. C. F. Donelly Captain; Miss Dell Byrone, Mrs. E J. Jardine, Mesdames Clara Wilson, Jas Arnold, K. Gasser and Chas. Johnson.

Mrs. Stanley Wright, Captain; Mesdames Boone Ballenger, Pulse, LaMoine and Christiansen.

Isaac Lester, Captain; Misses Arnold, Fitzpatrick, Bailey, Miller, Davis, Rockwood, Glaser, Alexson, and Mrs. Frymire.

Mrs. J. Hill, Captain; Mrs. M. Smith, Pres Neville, J. Bolton, P. Spiersch and E. Wise.

V. A. Fenner, Captain; Mesdames Blackhart, Transue, Young Earl, Scofield, Lucas, Bly, and Miss Bessie Troy.

Mrs. C. J. Sutton, Captain; Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Boyer. This committee is not yet complete!

For Giant, Captain, Mrs. R. H Stratton and W. W. Coy

Councilman and Mrs. J. Gerlach departed yesterday by auto for Los Angeles, to spend the Christmas time with relatives there.

AUTO OWNERS SOON TO BE ARRESTED

Police to Round Up Many for Neglecting to Report

The joke will be on 'somebody about January first, unless there is a hurryup to have lights tested at the station at 4th and Macdonald.

Chief Walker is authority for the statement that after January 1, arrests will follow for those who have neglected tot comply with the law in the matter of their automobile lights. Mr. Walker has made request of Supt. French of the State Motor Vehicle Department for a list of all car owners here, with their license numbers, so that he can check up, and the Chief promcareful than even Santa Claus, inises that he is going to be more seeing that no one is overlooked.

It looks as though that list has a chance to assume goodly proportions for up to date and since Dec. 1 only 143 automotriles with their owners have reported at the station for the required inspection. If there are 500 cars here and they report for the balance of the month at the same ratio then it's easy to see where the Richmond City Treasury will wax fat. Maybe the NEWS is not doing it's duty in printing the present warning, for it might be possible after all those fines have rolled in to induce the City Council to make a special ruling to turn the money over into the fund for the new electroliers which are to beautify Macdonald avenue.

Anyway, the Chief says that the testing station will continue to be open for business from six to ten every night until December 31st.

Buy Christmas Gifts at Home

The merchants of Richmond have laid in a fine stock of seasonable goods for the Christmas holidays, and are making very creditable displays of them in their stores and windows. There is by far larger stocks carried this year than ever before, and there is no earthly reason for going away from home to get anything any reasonable person can possibly want in the line of Christmas gifts. You can find just about anything in Richmond that you can find in Oakland or anywhere else, and at just as low a price—in fact you can save money by buying in Richmond. The goods for the holiday trade as a rule are priced higher in the larger cities than they are right here at home.

Keep the money circulating at home, good folks, and not only do just as well, and better, but thus help Richmond build up and grow and prosper. Some day during next week the News will put out a Christmas edition, replete with seasonable writings, pictures, etc, and will undertake to place a copy of it in every home in Richmond.

Home merchants who wish to take advantage of this very good home advertising opportunity had better get their copy in early and reserve their space at once. No outside advertising will be accepted.

LLOYD GEORGE SAYS PEACE A FARCE NOW

LONDON, Dec. 14.—That steady progress is being made by the allies, despite some untoward occurrences, is the firm conviction of Premier Lloyd George, he declared today in a speech at a dinner of the Grey's Inn Benchers.

In reference to peace, the Premier said:

It is because I am firmly convinced that, despite some untoward events, despite discouraging appearances, we are making steady progress toward the goal, that I would regard peace overtures to Prussia at the very moment the Prussian military spirit is drunk with boastfulness, as a betrayal of the great trust with which my colleagues and myself have been charged.

22 SOLDIERS LEAVE TONIGNT FOR NORTH

Twenty-two more Richmond soldier boys go to Camp Lewis in Washington this evening, to take the place of that many who have been sent back for various reasons. They will leave on the 7:40 Southern Pacific train and a large number of friends and relatives, as well as a band of music furnished by the Richmond Municipal band, and also the Home Guards, under Captain Long, will escort them to the station and see them safely oc to, or rather toward the war. The boys met last night at the draft board office to receive their transportation and instructions, and this evening will assemble at Pythian Castle Armory, from whence the march to the depot will be taken up. This will be last of the first draft contingent to go from Richmond. Turn out this evening and give them the glad hand upon their departure, and let them know that the heart of Richmond is with them.

LABOR UNIONS MEET

Boilermakers Union, No. 317 held their regular Friday night business meeting, last night. A large majority of the members were present.

The Lathers Union, No. 343 held their regular meeting last night in Labor Hall.

The Teamsters Union, No. 420 met last night in Polytechnic Hall where they transacted their regular business. They are going to hold a big meeting on Friday next to discuss the benefit insurance to the families of teamsters who meet with accidents. They are planning to take out an insurance policy made payable to the injured man's family. Four members were initiated into the Union last night.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD MEET

The W. O. W. held their regular business meeting last night. Attorney Wildgrube addressed the assemblage on present day affairs and of lodge doings. The lodge is planning to give an elaborate whist party on Dec. 22, in W. O. W. Hall. There will be a $2.50 order for every five tables. The committee in charge are Messrs. Cunningham, Black and Engelman.

LOCAL MAN CUT TO BITS BY SANTA FE FREIGHT

John Sederquist Instantly Killed in Collision of Train and Motor Car, Near Giant

Yesterday morning when a railroad motor-car pulling a trailer and carrying ten employes of the Santa Fe, was coming this way from Pinole it was struck near Giant by an east bound freieght train and smamshed into scrap iron, throwing the men in every direction and instantly killing John Sederquist, of Giant.

At the time of the accident there was a dense fog hanging over the bay and inland for quite a way, and in rounding the curve the train and motor came together with terific momentum. The men saw the headlight just as the train was almost upon them, and jumped to save their lives. All escaped with minor bruises and slight hurts, except Soderquist, who for some reason unknown did not succeed in getting clear before the two came together. He was cut and mangled in a terrible manner and must have died instantly. He was a Swede, residing at Giant, and aged 35. The News was unable to learn whether he was a man of family or not.

Coronere Abbott will hold an inquestat an early date to determine the exact cause of the tragedy, but has not set the date for it yet. Soderquist jumped when the others did, but in front of the motor instead of to one side or the other, and it is not known whether the motor or the train killed him. He was ground up finally by both of them.

Theremains are at the Smallwood undertaking porlars.

The Santa Fe officials had nothing to say in regard to to the calamity other than that it was very foggy at the time and the accident was due largely to that and unavoidable.

Tempest in Teapot About "Peon Camp"

The newly incorporated town of El Cerrito went out of one fit into another yesterday because, as it claimed, the Santa Fe railroad company was about to make a "Peon Camp" out of that section, by housing a gang of track and roadbed workers insidt their limits, or, to be exact, near the conjunction of Macdonald and San Pablo avenues. Stege was also somewhat excited, and a delegation of citizens from that neighborhood filed a protest with the railroad company, claiming that such a colony would fit in very badly with the swell residential district to the north.

As near as the News has been able tot find out from the railroad officials, the whole matter is but the temporary housing of not to exceed a dozen men, and thty do not consider that a menace to the neighborhood or of sufficient importance to excite anybody. ttorney Wildgrube is city attorney for El Ctrrito, and he said he saw no way to prevent the erection of the house or its occupancy by the workers, as long as they behave themselves and did not break laws.

Looks like something of a "tempest in a teapot."

POLICE CHIEF WALKER TO ATTEND BIG MEET

At the Hotel Oakland, in "my city" to-night the Chiefs of Police and heads of traffic squads from all over the state will meet for exchange of ideas concerning traffic problems and conditions. The gathering promises to be productive of benefit to the general public in creating standardized and effective regulations for the curbing and correcting of motor abuses and faults. The State Supt. of Motor Vehicles will be present, and Richmond will be represented by Clef of Police Walker.

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The Editor Says:—

NIGGER IN THE WOODPILE

There is an Etheopean hiding out in the fuel pile somewhere. That is evident to the most obtuse. Every day's dispatches point out the crimes being committed by the "Food Huns" but there are no convictions. Why? And no prosecutions, even. Again why? What is the answer?

A number of the most flagrant instances of plundering the people were mentioned in our "Letter to Uncle Sam" a few days ago. More come up every day. Quoting from the dispatches in our paper of yesterday we find that Mr. Murdock, one of the Federal Food Commission, calls them hard names and points out the particular robberies of the canneries. But the dispatch says nothing about steps being taken to put a stop to it, or punish the offenders.

We know Vic Murdock well and personally—knew him when he was in knee pants, in Wichita, Kansas, and worked on his father's paper, Marsh Murdock's Wichita Eagle. His mother was a guest at our home for a week in Colorado. Vic. is red headed and a fighter, and comes of good fighting stock, and we hope he goes to the bat against all these "Food Huns," as he terms them, and not only shows them up but brings about penitentiary sentences for them. In Germany, or England, either, they would be put to death.

And speaking of canneries, let us get right down nearer home, where plenty of fish is canned, right here in this very county of Contra Costa. A year ago you could get all the canned salmon you wanted at 10 cents a can. Now it is twenty. The canneries tell us it is because the Government and the Allies are taking all they have. Yet a few days ago when a shipload of it being sent to a neutral country, which neutral country is suspicioned of supplying Germany, the caneries told the Government this was done because the supply was much larger than the demand. They are just common every day liars and profiteering plunderers. But nothing was done about it. Our price is still twenty cents. Why?

We hear of many excuses about the exhorbitant price of cotton cloth. And on top of that comes the announcement, in small type and hidden away, of one big cotton cloth manufacturing concern in Massachusetts, declaring a dividen of sixty percent a few days ago. What can you make of that? What can anybody make of it, but robbery? And what is to be thought about it when the Government commission and authorities do nothing about it? What is the logical conclusion in such cases. What have the big trusts always done in such cases? The general opinion is that they have always bought immunity from prosecution. Are they doing so now? We do not know, but seek information.

We note in last night's dispatches that Mr. Spreckles says on the witness stand, to a Government Commission, that there is no shortage of sugar whatever in this country. And Mr. Spreckles certainly knows, as he is a member of the big sugar trust. Incidentally we all know it, and if the Government's hired men don't know it then they are extremely sttupid. In point of fact they do know it, for Mr. Spreckles has just told them so. Well, what about it? Nothing. Only we are all told we must only put one spoonful of sugar in our coffee, instead of two, and have sugarless days, and make no frosted cake, and all that sort of bull. Mr. Spreckels testifies that not only is there more sugar in this country now than in history, but that there is enough in the island of Java right now to supply all the British people for a whole year. Yet right here in this town of Richmond we are to be heud down, it is stated now, to a limited amount of sugar to each family and each person. And right up the bay about a dozen miles the big Crockett sugar factory has so much sugar on hand it had to build a lot of big new warehouses to put it in.

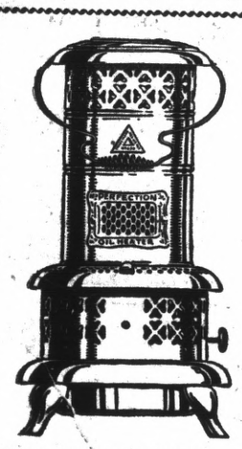
The Government tax schedules show that there are more than a thousand more millionaires in this country than there was a year ago. Sure! Why not? Are any of them being curbed upon the methods which made them millionaires in a year? Not that anybody hears of.

We common plug people are doing our bit, and are willing to keep on doing so, but we want to know why it is that none of these great food-hoarding pirates are being brought to book.

The moving pictures show hundreds of carloads of potatoes being dumped in the congested freight yards of Chicago and other big cities merely to get the cars, yet the prices on them to the consumer are almost prohibitive.

We are all willing to pay the price, if we can get it, if it is for our country and its flag, but derned if we are, merely that the millionaire class can enlarge by over a thousand each year.

There is a mighty big nigger in the woodpile, somewhere.



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GREAT PRODUCTION AT THE T. & D.

When the massive sets were built for the production of "Intolerance," it was thought the last word in the construction of photodramatic sets had been reached, but Cecil B. deMille, the famous producer, who is responsible for the Artcraft production "The Woman God Forgot," in which Geraldine Farrar will be seen at the Richmond Theatre today has gone even that famous set one better.

The scenes of "The Woman God Forgot," are laid during the Spanish conquest of the Aztecs and Mr. deMile had erected an exact reproduction of the famous pyramid of Teocalli, surrounded by an entire Aztec city. This one set covers an area of two square miles and the pyramid is nearly 200 feet in height and of the most substantial construction, owing to the fact that over a thousand men battle up the stairways and inclines to the temple at the top.

Thirty-two members of the Knights of Pythias of Richmond journed to Pinole last night. They were received and given a hearty welcome by the Pinole Knights and took part in the annual big doings.

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A 25c bottle of Disinfectine will guard you against blood poisoning for a year. At all druggists.

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SIMONDS INN COCOA—A superior Cocoa made in the United Drug Co.'s Big chocolate refinery.....A limited quantity was sent us in an error and we have been allowed to special it at, per can..... 18c

One cent sale

TOOTH BRUSHES..... { 36c for 2 / 35c for 1

REXALL TOOTH PASTE..... { 25c for 1 / 26c for 2

VIOLET DULCE VANISHING CREAM.... { 50c for 1 / 51c for 2

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TWO STORES

Sixth and Macdonald — Ninth and Macdonald

EASTERN STARS INSTALL OFFICERS

Acantha Cthapter, Order of the Eastern Star held their annual installation of officers last night in Bank Hall. There was a good attendance and refreshments were enjoyed after the installation and there was also a musical program of very fine quality.

The officers installed wtre: Mrs. Cora Celestia, worthy matron; Marietta Whit Duncan, Marshal; Mrs. Myrtle Alice Stivers, assistant marshal; James Nicholas Long, chaplain; Fannie Isadore Rowland, retiring matron; H. G. Stidham retiring patron; Daniel B. Kenney, worthy patron; Mrs. Mattie H. Chandler, conductress; Miss Frazier, associate conductress; Mrs. McCormick, secretary; Mrs. Sadie Osler, treasurer; Mrs. Stultz, warder; and Jess Osler, sentinel

The Alumni of the Richmond Union High School gave their annual Xmas ball in the Richmond Club last night

Classified Ads

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FOR SALE—5-room, up-to-date, corner residence. Also 20-acre going ranch, best soil in Windsor, Sonoma Co. Inquire 1930 Barrett Ave. Richmond. Leaving town will sacrifice. 140t6*

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New Apartment and rooming house to lease, within walking distance of Standard Oil. Unfurnished. H. G. Stidham, 163 Washington Avenue. Phone 868. 136t6

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$2500 buys a new modern house. One lot: $500 down, balance $25 per month. Fine location.
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CHOOSE NOW—COMPLETE STOCKS

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WOMEN'S EMBROIDERED LAWN HANDKERCHIEFS in all white and with fancy colored embrodered corners —5c.

WOMEN'S EMBROIDERED LAWN HANDKERCHIEFS in colors or white hemmed, tape or corded edges; also some scalloped and hemstitched—10c each.

WOMEN'S NOVELTY PRINTED HANDKERCHIEFS, in a large assortment of handsome Dresden effects—5c.

MEN'S LAWN HANDKERCHIEFS, in plain hemmed styles and good size —5c each and three for 25c.

CHILDREN'S PICTURE EMBROIDERED HANDKERCHIEFS, in attractive colors. Fine little gift handkerchiefs. Box of 3—15c.

CHILDREN'S INITIALED HANDKERCHIEFS, in white or colored effects. Box of three—15s

Men's Four-in-Hand Silk Neckties
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Handsome ties put up in fancy Christmas boxes. Hundreds of stylish patterns from which to make selection. The kind you would ordinarily pay much more for.

Women's Bathrobes
$2.95, ..$3.39, ..$3.95 ..AND $4.39

A splendid holiday stock of bathrobes made of heavy robing flannel and finished with cord and tassel to match. Many different patterns. The gift practical.

FANCY BRASSIERS, 89c.

Made of wide lace. Very pretty to wear under sheer waists. Put up in handsome Christmas baxes. Fasten in front styles. All sizes.

FANCY TURKISH TOWEL SETS
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Set consits of one large bath towel, one hand towel and one face cloth, neatly put up in a box all ready for gift giving. Fine quality. Choice of pink or blue borders.

BUREAU SCARFS FOR GIFTSS—29c

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TOYS Third Eloor

CLAY ST., 14th and 15th streets. Oakland.

Y. W. C. A. MUSICALE ESPECIALLY GOOD

The Y. W. C. A. musical last evening at the First Christian church was an artistic though not a huge financial success. And that was a pity for more reasons than one. The efforts put forth by its promoters, the worthy object and the high artistic merit of the rendition of the numbers on the program, all deserved a crowded house. There was a fairly good sized audience as it was, and they attested their appreciation of the prokram's excellent handling.

Frank Geritz, News reporter, is on the sick list again, and Mr. Day, outside man, and Fat Sharp have been helping some, so if there is anything in the paper you do not fancy, blame it on them.

The Maccabees held their regular meeting in Pulse Hall last night. After the meeting they enjoyed a social time.

Everything for baby, from top to toe. EGAN'S. 140t9

SPLENDID LECTURE FREE TO EVERYONE

Sunday next at three P. M., Ben Wilson will deliver another of his interesting lectures. The subject will be 'The Phsychology of the Great War.' Everybody invited and admission free. Mr. Wilson's lectures previously given have been well attended and have claimed the close attention of the listeners. Sunday's lecture will be given at the old Polytechnic School, now the Labor Temple.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. will give a food and fancy work sale in the office of the Pacific Gas and Electric Co. near Seventh street, proceeds to go to the National War work fund.

The Hughes case was up again yesterday before the court at Martinez, with not a Richmond man on the jury. Dist. Atty. Johnston is prosecuting and Pierce and Dodgers are for the defense. Several of our city officials were called at witnesses.

Speed Cops Leber and Lampt will attend the big meet at Oakland today, at which traffic officers from all over the state will be present.

George Lamb departed yesterday for Canada, whre he will join the Canadian army. He leaves a wife and two children here, but they are provided for.

Ray Sanford, of LaMoine Drug Co's store, went to S. F. yesterday to enlist in the medical corps, U.S.A.

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BENEFIT DANCE FOR JOHN MOITOZA

Mrs. M. Lucey, one of the News' good friends of San Pablo, came in yesterday to tell us of a very worthy acair with which she is connected, and to enlist the help or the News publicity.

Mrs. Lucey is chairman of the committee having in charge the arrangements for the benefit dance to be given on the night of Dectmber 22. The ball will be given at Maple Hall, San Pablo witht music by the Trangle Jazz Band.

The proceeds from the dance are to go to the benefit of John G. Moitoza, who has been for some time in the French hospital at San Francisco, and who has not yet recovered from his last operation. His friends feel that during his convalescence a substantial tribute of their affection will not be amiss, hence their intntrest and ours in turning out a good attendance.

Tickets 50 cents, ladies free.

The basement of the new T. & D. Theatre building will probably be completed and covered up at once, by local concrete workers.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
NO. 4287.

In the matter of the estate of Mary J. Borden, deceased.

Notce is hereby given by the undersigned, Administratrix of the state of Mary J. Borden, deceased, to the creditors of, and to all persons having claims against said decedent to file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the clerk of the Superior Court of Contra Costa County, State of California, or to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, to the said Administratrix at the offices of D. J. Hall and Hiram E. Jacobs Rooms 4, 5 and 6 in he First National Bank Building, in the City of Richmond, County of Contra Costa, State of California, the same being designated as the place of business in all matters connected with said estate, within four months after the first publication of this notice.

Dated November 8th, 1917.
ELIZABETH B. DRURY,
Administratrix of the estate of Mary J. Borden, Deceased.
D. J. Hall and Hiram E. Jacobs, Attorneys for Administratrix.
Nov. 17th, 24th; Dec. 1st 8th, 15th, 1917.

The strange sea specimen in the window of Ludewig's market has aroused much curiosity. It is a Giant Hermit Crab. They grow to be 18 inches in diameter. They are found along the coast between Monterey and San Francisco.

Your friends can buy anything you can give them, except your photograph. Portraits taken nights 7 to 8. De Luxe Studio, 711 Macdonald.

Subscribe for the News.

Christmas Specials

Aluminum Teakettle for $2.94. Worth $4.50

As a Special Holiday attraction we are offering from now until Christmas this splendid Aluminum Teakettle, with cereal cooker, at a reduction of over a third of its real value. This is something which will please the housewife.

IT IS A REAL BARGAIN.

On all other Aluminum ware we are making for this month a reduction of 10 per cent. Many Other Christmas Attractions. Leave your orders for the big dinner early. See our windows for suggestions.

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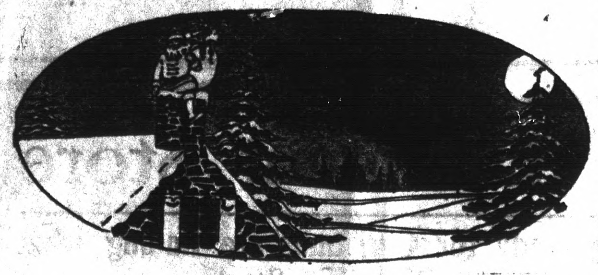

Xmas Suggestions

This year above all others choose practical Gifts

SILK HOSE SWEATERS
HAND BAGS UNDERWEAR
UMBRELLAS GLOVES
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MUSIC MACHINES GOING FAST

L. H. Schrader, the well known and popular furniture dealer, says that he has sold an unprecedented amount of music machines in the past week or two, for the Christmas festivitites, and anticipates placing many more during the next week. Schrader is handling the Brunswick, a very popular machine, and it is popular for several reasons—tone, price and terms of purchase, all of which are attractive.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

The LaMoine Drug Company's drug stores present a very Christmas appearance, with the big red bells hanging down from boughs and festoons of evergreen, and everywhere spread out to view the pretty things for the holiday trade.

The LaSalle Music House, at 921 Macdonald avenue, presents in this issue an advertisement which will be of interest, as it has to do with one of the best music machines on the market, something which makes a splendid Christmas present for the entire family. Read the add and then drop in and hear the music—it's fine.

The Modern Woodmen of America drill team was put through a strenuous drill on Ninth street last night.

Your friends can buy anything you can give them, except your photograph. Portraits taken nights 7 to 8. De Luxe Studio, 711 Macdonald.

A Merry Christmas to Your Soldier Boy

There are so many useful and pleasing gifts for the comfort and pleasure of the "Boys At The Front" that a limited space allows the mention of only a few.

FOUNTAIN PENS POCKET KNIVES
FOLDING COAT HOLDERS
EVERSHARP PENCILS CARD CASES
SEWING KITS WRITING SETS
BIBLES—KHAKI COVER WITH CASES
SILVER TOILET SETS
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NOTICE TO AUTO OWNERS

Notice is hereby given that an automobile headlight testing station has been established in the building formerly known as the "Star Garage" in Bissell avenue, near 4th street.

All automobile owners who have not heretofore had their automobile headlights teasted are requested to bring in their machines without delay.

A competent mechanic will be in charge of the station each evening, except Sunday, from 6 p. m. to 10 p. m. No charge will be made for testing headlights and in cases where headlight alterations are found necessary, arrangements have been made to have such alterations made at the testing station at the regular garage charge.

CHARLES WALKER,
Chief of Police.

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TELEGRAPH ITEMS

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ned offensive and go into great detail concerning it.

This change in German procedure has mystified British officials. Germany in the past always has kept her plans or military moves a complete secret not permitting an inkling of them to get out in any way.

Officials said today that this may be the procedure now being followed and felt that the proposede drive may not be contemplated, but only advertised in order to cover up some other plan.

AUSTRIANS CLAIM ITALIAN PRISONERS

LONDON, Dec. 14.—An official Austrian statement reviewing the recent attack on the Northern Italian front says that in the four days of fighting in the Meletta region, 639 Italian officers and more than 16,000 men were made prisoners.

The capture also is reported of 293 guns, 233 machine guns, four quickfirers, 81 mine throwers and a quantity of other materials.

AMERICAN KILLED IN AIR BATTLE

PARIS, Dec. 14—Lieutenant Benjamin Walcott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Walcott of Washington, D. C., fell in his first air flight Tuesday and it is feared was killed, according to word received here today fom the front.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14—Lieutenant Benjamin Walcott, believed killed in his first battle in the air, after felling his German adversary, is the 21-year-old son of Charles D. Walcott of the Smithsonian Institute here.

Young Walcott who is an American aviator, successfully brought down his adversary on his first aerial encounter. While he was streaking it back to the lines, however, three German machines attacked him from the rear. His machine was seen to fall.

Permission was granted the United Press today also to announce that Lieutenant Harold Wright of the American aviation service, Thanksgiving Day, destroyed a German "sausage" balloon. He swooped down 5000 feet, firing a stream of bullets at the balloon and utterly disregarding a blaze of fire from German anti-air craft guns.

One of his shots exploded the gas in the German bag. Wright returned safely.

Nobby and Appropriate gifts for men. EGAN'S 140t9

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We deliver the Phonograph to you at once and 11 Records of your own choice—22 selections

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Toasters, Etc.

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Saturday's Specials

MAZOLA OIL—The oil that makes such delicious Pies and Cakes. Buy now before prices advance. Pts. 35c; Qts. 65c; ½-Gal. $1.15; Gal. $2.20.

SAUERS' PURE EXTRACTS—Impart that true fruit flavor.—Special at 22c, 32, 59c.

Ask for Sauers' Cook Book of Choice recipes.

Come in and try a cup of Pulse Bros. Famous Corinthian Blend Coffee.—Special at 29c per Pound.

Our Demonstrator, Mrs. Raymond will be at our Point Store Saturday Dec. 15. She will specialize on A-1 goods MAZOLA OIL AND SAUERS' EXTRACTS

PULSE BROTHERS

205-207 Richmond Ave. Phone 379. TWO GROCETERAS 600-602 Macdonald Ave. Phone 135.

Miss Lyra Freeman, soon to be wed to Henry Eagan, was tendered a shower and surprise party Thursday night, by many friends, at the family residence, 317 Bissell evanue. The gifts were many and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed.

Have you subscribed for the News?

Sensible gift time

Make it that, this Xmas.

Shirts	$1.25	to	$5.00
Ties	.25	"	1.00
Hose	.15	"	.65
Sweaters	1.50	"	8.00
Bathrobes	6.00	"	8.00
Raincoats	5.00	"	16.50
Suits	16.50	"	30.00
Overcoats	20.00	"	25.00
Hats	2.50	"	3.50
Flannel Shirts	1.50	"	3.50
House Slippers	1.50	"	2.50
Union Suits	1.50	"	4.00
2-pc. Undearwear	.75	"	2.00

In fact any and everything that men and boys wear, and again let us say make it a sensible gift this, of all years.

SMITH & CRANE
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